

SENATE BILL 1622

By Johnson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 1-1-101; Section 1-1-102 and Section 3-12-109, relative to the responsibilities of the office of legal services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 1-1-101(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(a) There is created a Tennessee code commission of five (5) members composed of the chief justice of the supreme court, the attorney general and reporter, a director of the office of legal services for the general assembly, and two (2) other members appointed by the chief justice.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 1-1-102(b), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

(b) The revisor of statutes within the office of legal services for the general assembly shall serve as executive secretary of the commission.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-12-109, is amended by deleting the section and substituting instead the following:

(a) The director of legal services may recommend the appointment, and the speakers may appoint, a revisor of statutes within the office of legal services.

(b) The revisor shall be a graduate of an accredited law school, shall be licensed to practice law in the state of Tennessee, shall have five (5) or more years of experience in the field of legislative law, and shall have such training or practical experience in government as may be deemed necessary to perform the duties of the office.

(c) The revisor shall:

- (1) Assist the director of legal services and perform duties as assigned by the director;
- (2) Perform all codification functions within the office; and
- (3) Serve as the executive secretary of the Tennessee code commission.

(d)

(1) In order to assist the chairs of the standing committees, and other members of the general assembly, it shall be the duty of the revisor, in consultation with the director of legal services, to:

(A) Solicit and receive suggestions and supporting information from Tennessee citizens concerning state statutes or uncodified public acts that may be anachronistic, obsolete, defective, duplicative, contradictory, unnecessary, or incomprehensible;

(B) Review and evaluate systematically such suggestions and supporting information;

(C) Identify specific state statutes or uncodified public acts that may, in fact, be anachronistic, obsolete, defective, duplicative, contradictory, unnecessary, or incomprehensible and that may, therefore, be appropriate for legislative consideration of repeal, modification, or revision; and

(D) Report findings and recommendations biennially, beginning in January 2017, to the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the chairs of the standing committees.

(2) The revisor shall maintain an online capability to solicit and receive suggestions and supporting information pursuant to subdivision (d)(1)(A).

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

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